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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to provide digital devices, including computers, smartphones, tablets, and internet usages in the rural areas to spread digital literacy in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The Department of Electronics and IT is the nodal Ministry for spreading digital literacy in the Country. As far this Ministry is concerned, efforts have been made to use technology for bettering standards of education through the National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology (NMEICT). Under this, IIT Bombay has undertaken and completed the Aakash-II project, under which Low Cost Access Device (LCAD) was developed with open source operating system and these devices have been provided to 1 lakh students and teachers in 336 institutions across the country. This Ministry, working along with the National Knowledge Network (NKN), has provided high-speed broadband connectivity to (438) Universities / Institutes and 22,029 Colleges including Polytechnics.
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